

WASTE COLLECTION LOWELL 2023

KEEP LOWELL
LITTER FREE



SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING OFFICE

☎ 978-674-4309

✉ Recycle@lowellma.gov

2030 SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN

NEW
LAWS!!!

HOLIDAY COLLECTION 2023:

In 2023 waste collection will only be affected by 6 of the state holidays. A delay will only occur if the holiday falls on a weekday.

2023 Holidays that DELAY service:	2023 Holidays that DO NOT DELAY service:
Memorial Day	Martin Luther King Day
Independence Day	Presidents Day
Labor Day	Patriots Day
Thanksgiving Day	Juneteenth
Christmas Day	Columbus Day
New Year's Day 2024	Veteran's Day

WE PROVIDE:

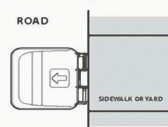
- Trash carts
- Recycling carts
- Yard waste stickers
- Free repairs for carts
- Events for hazardous items

Households with 6 or less residential units (5-6 if owner occupied) qualify for city service

When taking out the trash, remember to:



Park it



Point it



Space it

RULES FOR SERVICE:

- out by 7 AM on your service day
 - against or at the edge of the curb
 - arm's length from any vehicle and not behind anything
 - have closed (sealed) lids
 - less than 100 pounds - trucks have weight limitations
- Follow cart rules and keep banned items out of your bins to ensure pick-up.**

MASSACHUSETTS WASTE BAN ITEMS:

These items are prohibited from going into trash and recycling carts:

- Construction material including asphalt pavement, brick, concrete, wood and clean gypsum wallboard
- Cathode ray tubes
- Large appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, and dryers (also known as white goods)
- Leaves and yard clippings / waste
- Lead acid batteries (ex. car batteries)
- Mattresses and box springs
- Metals (ferrous and non-ferrous)
- Textile (clothing, fabric items)
- Whole tires (shredded tires acceptable)

NOT
ALLOWED

As of November 2022 enforcement will begin regarding the new waste disposal ban on Mattresses and textiles as planned in the 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan.

WHY TEXTILES?

Fabric items such as clothing, bedding, and similar items can no longer be disposed of in curbside bins because they they can easily be reused, donated or recycled.

Place both donatable and unusable items in drop-bins throughout the city.

Visit the link below to find other disposal options with companies who are fighting to keep 230,000 tons of textiles out of the waste stream annually.

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-textile-recovery>

WHY MATTRESSES & BOXSPRINGS?

More than 600,000 of Mattresses and boxsprings are discarded annually. These items are now required to be disposed of through a recycler because 75% of their material can be reused.

See more through the Mass.gov link below

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/mattress-recycling>

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Visit our website for all the most relative information on waste, recycling, and sustainability in Lowell.

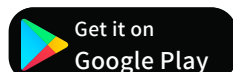


- customizable notifications- via email, phone call, text
- collection schedules
- Recyclopedia- answers to all your recycling needs

Collection schedule, alerts, & waste questions answered on our app



"LowellRecycle"
App



Visit our website or download our app for more resources in the following languages:

- English
- French
- Español
- Khmer



City of Lowell

Solid Waste & Recycling Office
Department of Public Works
1365 Middlesex St. Lowell MA 01851

STAMP

KEY TO RECYCLING IN LOWELL



Solid Waste and
Recycling Office
Dept. of Public Works



RECYCLE

Wipe It. Rinse It. Recycle It.

IN THE BIN ✓

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
Empty and rinse



METAL CANS & FOIL
Empty and rinse



PLASTIC CONTAINERS
Empty and replace cap



PAPER & CARDBOARD
Empty and flatten



NOT IN THE BIN ✗

PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP
DO NOT bag recyclables or add garbage



FOOD OR LIQUID
Empty and rinse all containers



CLOTHING OR LINENS
Use donation programs



TANGLERS
Coat hangers, electrical wires, hoses, etc.



Always try to REDUCE your waste first! Reduction comes before recycling. Remember to BYO bag, bottle or utensil, opt out of single-use items, and buy good quality items that will last longer.

EXTRA RECYCLING?

Recycle Drop-off container

Location: 1365 Middlesex St

Tues, Wed, & Thu, 8 am - 3 pm (subject to change)

The compactor is kept locked;
please call when you arrive 978-674-4309



EXTRA SERVICES

YARD WASTE

- Paper 'lawn & leaf' bags or labeled barrels... No plastic bags!
- out by 7 am on your collection day.
- NO plastic bags
- Loose leaves in labeled barrels, or 'paper' Lawn & Leaf bags
- NO dirt, sod or soil, rocks or boulders...
- Bundles if they:
 - weigh less than 35 lbs
 - smaller than 3 inches in diameter
 - wrapped with non-metallic twine
 - no longer than 3 ft

MATERIAL SATURDAY DROP-OFF EVENT



When: The last Saturday of every month

Time: 8 AM - Noon

Location: Lowell Regional Waste Water Utility
451 First Street Boulevard Lowell, MA

- 20 lb & 1 lb Propane tanks & helium tanks
- Compact & Linear Florescent Lamps (CFLs)
- Medical Sharps (in puncture proof bottle)
- Rechargeable Batteries (PDF) (NiCad, etc.)
- Button Batteries
- Thermometers / Thermostats [& elemental Hg]
- Waste Motor Oil (limited to pints and quarts)
- Fire Extinguishers
- String lights

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

DROP-OFF EVENT

- Paints and solvents
- Household Chemicals
- Garden Chemicals
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats

This event occurs 2 times a year. Preregister to attend. Events from other towns may be open to Lowell residents. For more information visit: <https://lowellma.gov/213/Hazardous-Waste-Day>



COMMON QUESTIONS

HELPFUL CONTACTS

- General requests, questions, or guidance:
 - 978-674-4309
- Bulky Items:
 - 1-800-972-4545 (WM)
- Mattress and boxspring Recycling
 - 978-856-3997 OR utecinc.org/mattress-recycling/
- Bagster
 - thebagster.com



MISSED COLLECTION?

Tickets can be submitted by visiting Lowellrecycle.org If your waste was out correctly and it wasn't picked up on your day, submit a ticket no more than 2 business days after your service day.

EXTRA WASTE?

- Donate
- Electronic recyclers
- Private Dumpsters
- Request an additional bin set
- Compost (get a compost machine for \$25! 978-674-4309)
- theBagster.com
- Purple Overflow Bag Program

OVERFLOW BAG LOCATIONS



Store	Address
DeMoulas/Market Basket	331 Fletcher St 11 Wood St 1235 Bridge St 10 Main Street 288 Chelmsford St, Chelmsford
Frank and Ernest	810 Central Street
Hannaford's	777 Rogers Street 301 Pleasant Street, Dracut
EconoMart	1280 Lawrence Street
Stop & Shop	299 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford
7 Eleven	103 Rogers Street
Walgreens	54 Plain Street